

# Annexation / ETJ Management Strategy

City Council  
August 13, 2014

# Overview

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- Purpose
- Current Challenges
- Importance of Annexation
- Policies
- Tools
- Next Steps

# Purpose: Implementation of Vision San Marcos

## LAND USE

### VISION STATEMENT

We envision San Marcos as a community with balanced and diverse land uses that expand our lifestyle choices while protecting and enriching our historical, cultural and natural resources.



### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

#### GOAL 1

DIRECT GROWTH, COMPATIBLE WITH SURROUNDING USES

#### Objectives:

Update Future Land Use Map that is based on the development intensities specified in the preferred scenario

Update Annexation/ETJ Management Plan

Create a Sustainability Plan to identify affordable and realistic sustainability practices to be encouraged

Replace the Land Development Code with an updated document to support preferred scenario

Align infrastructure plans to achieve preferred scenario

# First Step

AUGUST

- Council direction

SEPTEMBER

- Adoption of strategy

OCTOBER

- Identify potential annexation areas

MARCH

- Council direction on annexation areas

APRIL

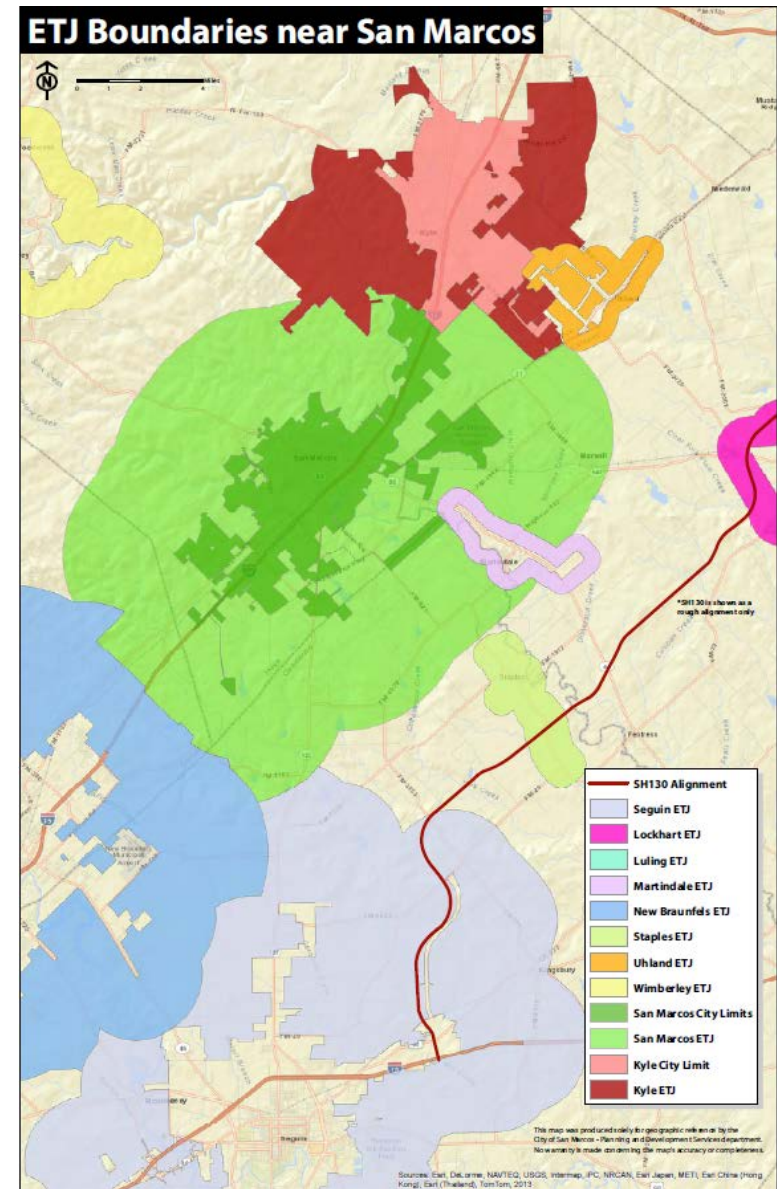
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SPRING/SUMMER

- Council hearings

# Current ETJ Challenges

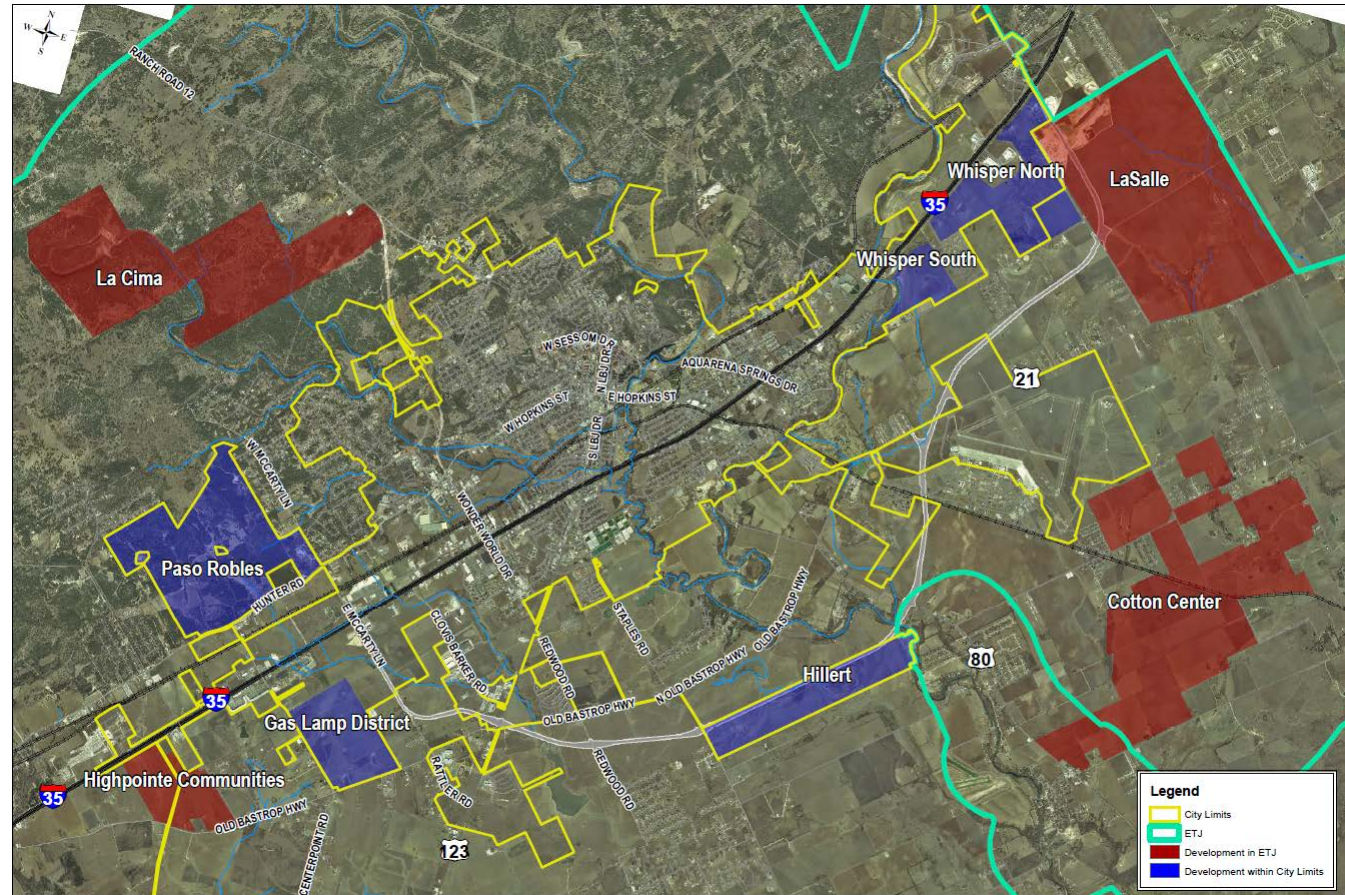
- Lack of clear policy
- Criteria for annexations
- Lack of proactive annexations
- Other jurisdictions expanding





# Challenges

- Petitions for:
  - Out of City Utility Connections / Extensions
  - Development Agreements
  - MUDs
  - PIDs



## Benefits

- # City of San Marcos
- ## Preferred Scenario
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- Intensity Zone**
- High Intensity
  - Medium Intensity
  - Low Intensity
  - Activity Node
  - Employment Center
- Other**
- City Limits/Areas of Stability
  - River/Creek
  - Open Space
  - Existing Parkland
  - Texas State University
- Trail Type**
- Proposed Greenway
  - Proposed Greenway/Trail Connection
  - Existing Trail
- Other**
- Railroad
  - 2035 Proposed Roadway Network
- Scale: 0 0.25 0.5 1.0 Miles
- North Arrow
- Inset Map: San Marcos, Texas (City Limits shown)
- City of San Marcos Planning and Development Department  
Map Date: 10/20/2010  
Map Scale: 1 inch = 1 mile  
Map Projection: NAD 83, UTM Zone 14N  
Map Author: City of San Marcos Planning and Development Department  
Map Review: City of San Marcos Planning and Development Department  
Map Approval: City of San Marcos Planning and Development Department

# Annexation Strategy

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Establish appropriate annexation procedure

Ensure decisions support Comp Plan

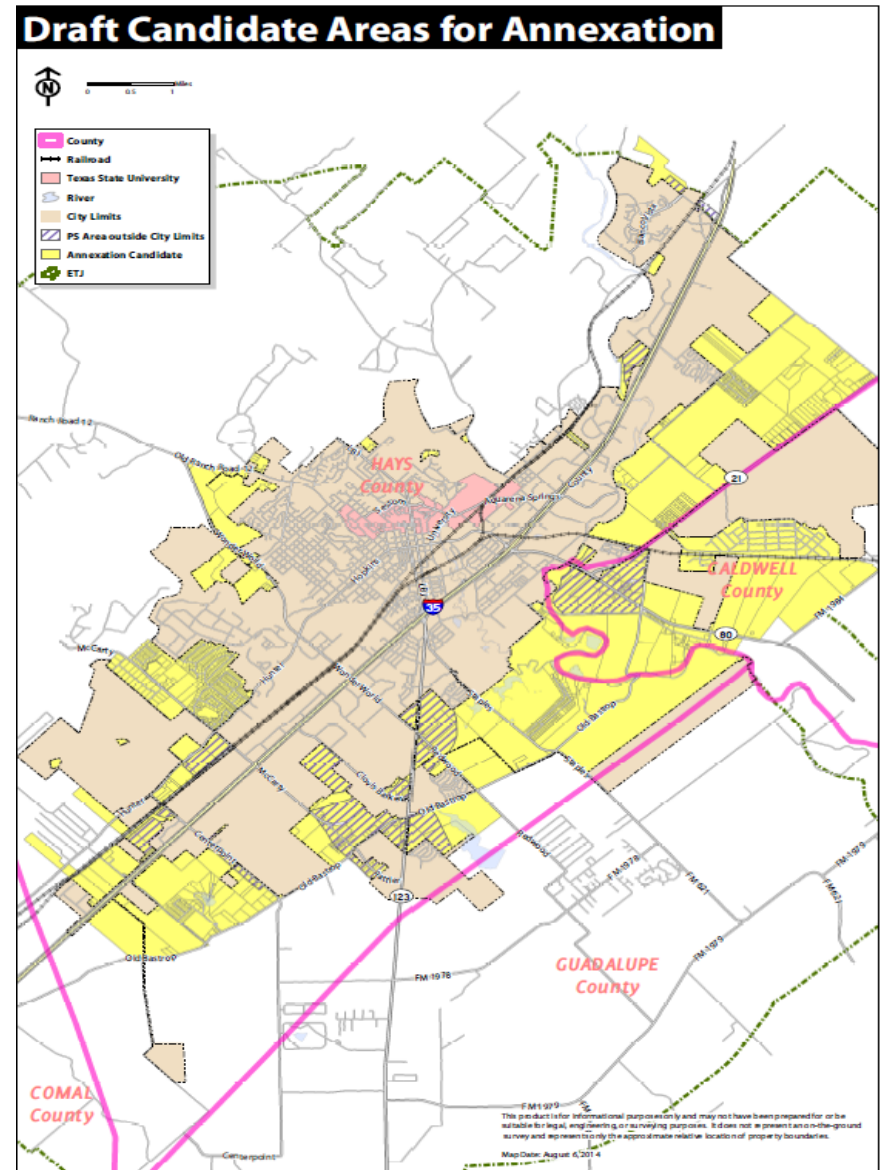
Routinely meet to review potential areas to be annexed

Set up a recurring process calendar



# Annexation Strategy Tools

- Rolling Annexation Candidate List
  - Constantly updated GIS – based matrix
- Annual Annexation Program
  - Areas proposed for annexation in current calendar year
- Fiscal Model
- Annexation Resources Supplement



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# COUNCIL DIRECTION

Items to bring back:

- Annexation / ETJ Management Strategy for adoption on September 2, 2014

Questions/Comments?

